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For : ASPIRATING AND MIXING OF LIQUIDS WITHIN A PROBE TIP

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

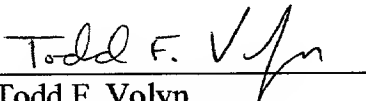
-- Cross Reference to Related Applications.

-- This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial Number 09/510,298, filed February 22, 2000, the contents which are hereby incorporated by reference. --

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-20. Claims 21-29 are now to be prosecuted in this Divisional Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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